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## Mail Stop Patent Application

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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

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Title: FILTERING PROCESS FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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- Assignment cover sheet and an assignment, 2 pages, and a separate \$80 fee.
- New disclosure information, including:
  - Information disclosure statement, 1 pages.
  - PTO-1449, 1 pages.
  - References, 3 items.
- Postcard.

Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/496,201, filed August 18, 2003.

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